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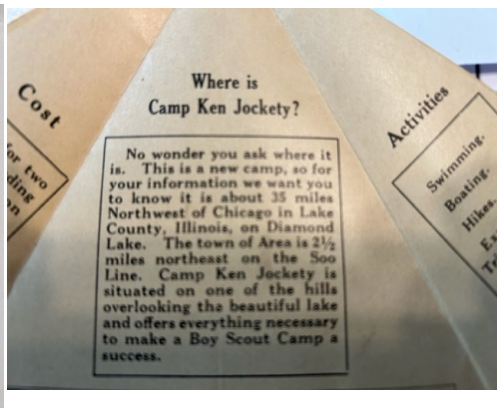
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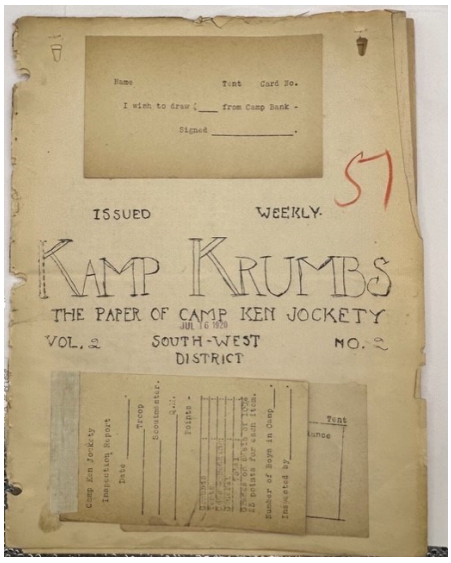

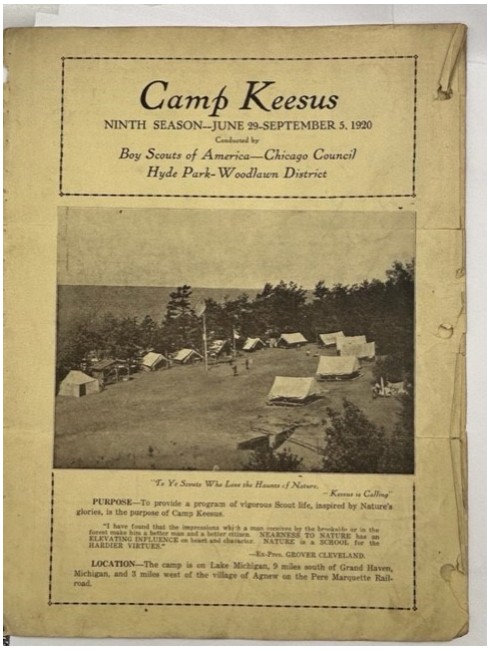
Camp Keesus
NINTH SEASON—JUNE 29-SEPTEMBER 5, 1920
Conducted by
Boy Scouts of America—Chicago Council
Hyde Park-Woodlawn District
"To Ye Scouts Who Love the Haunts of Nature."
—Keesus is Calling
PURPOSE—To provide a program of vigorous Scout life, inspired by Nature's glories, is the purpose of Camp Keesus.
"I have found that the impressions which a man receives by the brookside or in the forest make him a better man and a better citizen. NEARNESS TO NATURE has an ELEVATING INFLUENCE on heart and character. NATURE is a SCHOOL for the HARDIER VIRTUES."
—Ex-Pres. GROVER CLEVELAND.
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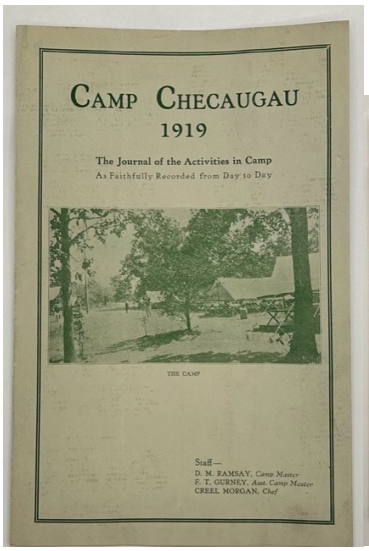

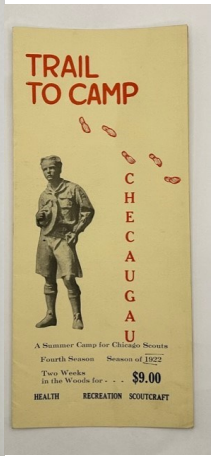
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A Summer Camp for Chicago Scouts
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Two Weeks in the Woods for . . . $9.00
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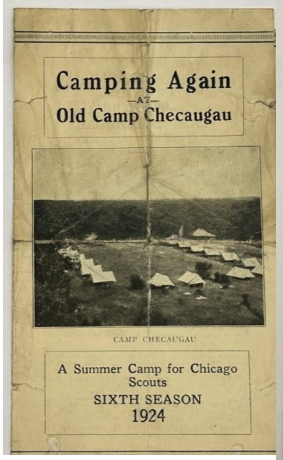
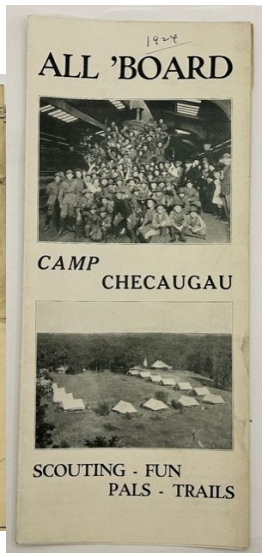
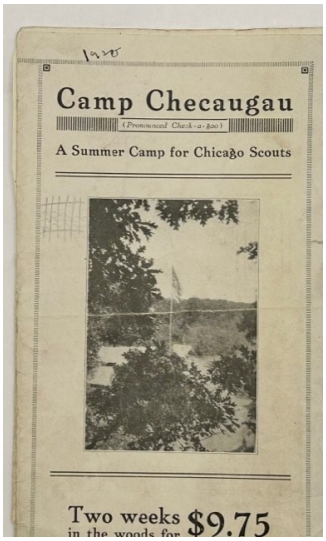
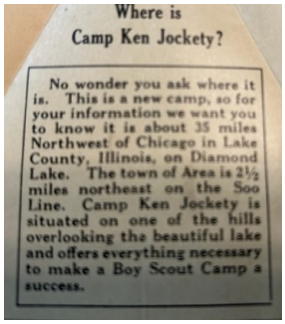






Chicago's Earliest Camps before Owasippe

It's not generally known that Chicago troops camped by Districts in the earliest years and for many years afterwards. Owasippe was developed for Scouts of the Northshore District and space was added as funds were available for new camps. By 1926 all Districts of the Chicago Council would have camps at Owasippe.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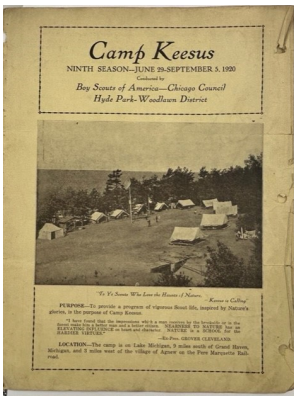
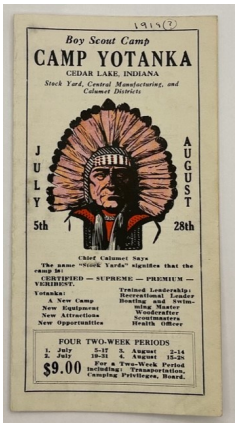
Camp Ken Jockey on Diamond Lake in Lake County. IL. For the *Southwest District*. The name is believed to mean a beautiful place to camp.

Camp McDonald was developed for the Southwest and South Central District at Owasippe. In 1935 the name was changed to Camp Stuart.

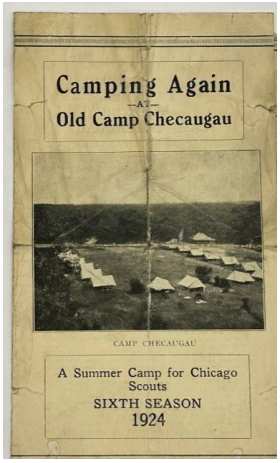


Camp Keesus founded in 1911 for Scouts of the *Hyde Park-Woodlawn Districts*. On the west shore of Lake Michigan, nine miles south of Grand Haven, MI.

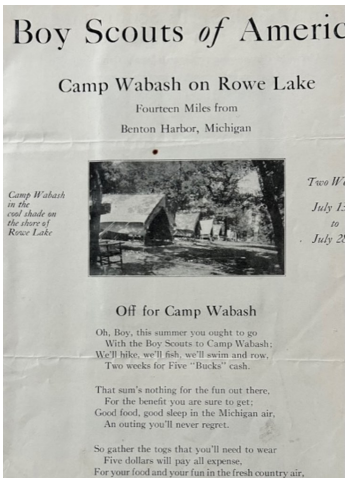
Hyde Park-Woodlawn would become the South Shore District. Camp James E West was developed at Owasippe for the South Shore and Calumet Districts. OA founder, Carrol Edson was the first Camp Director.



Camp Yotanka on Cedar Lake, IN. just south of Hammond/Schereville, IN off Hwy 41. The camp was for Scouts of the *Stock Yards, Central Manufacturing & Calumet Districts.* Camp Black Hawk was developed at Owasippe originally for the old Stock Yards and West Districts.



Camp Checaugau was in the northern suburbs Forest Preserves near Park Ridge, IL. The camp was for Scouts of the *North West District*. It opened in 1918 and was used until about 1926 when a new camp with the old name was developed at Owasippe. There was originally resistance to Owasippe because of the travel distance and costs.


Boy Scouts of Americ
Camp Wabash on Rowe Lake
Fourteen Miles from
Benton Harbor, Michigan
Camp Wabash in the cool shade on the shore of Rowe Lake
Off for Camp Wabash
Oh, Boy, this summer you ought to go
With the Boy Scouts to Camp Wabash;
We'll hike, we'll fish, we'll swim and row,
Two weeks for Five "Bucks" cash.
That sum's nothing for the fun out there,
For the benefit you are sure to get;
Good food, good sleep in the Michigan air,
An outing you'll never regret.
So gather the togs that you'll need to wear
Five dollars will pay all expense,
For your food and your fun in the fresh country air,

Camp Wabash was on Rowe Lake east of Benton Harbor, MI. Wabash was for African American Scouts of the *Douglas District*. It was part of a larger Chicago based African American summer community around Benton Harbor. Camp Belknap was purchased from the Grand Rapids (MI) Council on Ojibwa Lake in 1925, in close proximity to other camps on Big Blue Lake.

Some early camps were used by more than one District. Districts used different weeks at the same camp.

It is believed that some form of memorabilia exists for all these large-active camps. A pennant is known for Camp Keesus, and I suspect all of these early camps have pennants. I saw a medal from Camp Yotanka, but at that time I didn't know what it was. Camp "badges" weren't approved until 1924 so it's possible that badges don't exist although I'd bet there is some form of Honor Camper insignia.

Camp Shabbona just west of Chicago on the Des Plaines river between Grand Avenue on the north and North Ave on the south**.** For the *West District*. Known to have operated from 1914-1925. In 1926 West Side units camped at

The recommendations from last year were Quality Inn on 159th Street, US Rte 6, in Orland Park. That's the closet to the event.

And at the Tinley Park Hotel Campus off of Int-80 and Rte 43 (Harlem Ave). There's a convention center over there, so there's a lot of hotels like a Holiday Inn, a Sleep In and the EVEN hotel.

Faith United Methodist Church 15101 S 80th Ave, Orland Park, IL, United States

80 to Harlem Ave north to 171st St LEFT (West) to 80th

Camp O-wa-sip-pe

1919

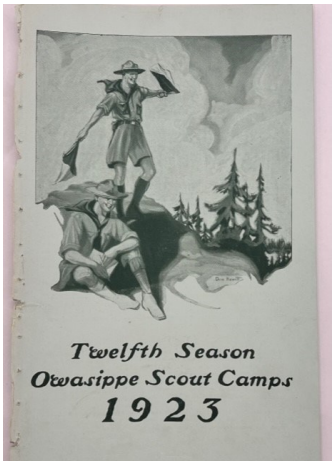
Chicago Council
Boy Scouts of America

Owasippe

Owasippe
Woodcraft
Advanced Scoutcraft
Swimming
Indian Lore
Play
Pleasant Quarters
Eats! (Oh, Boy!)

1920

Chicago Council Boy Scouts
of America



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1923

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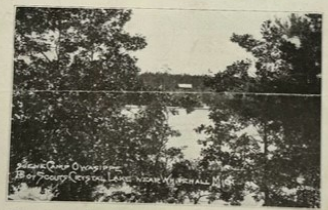
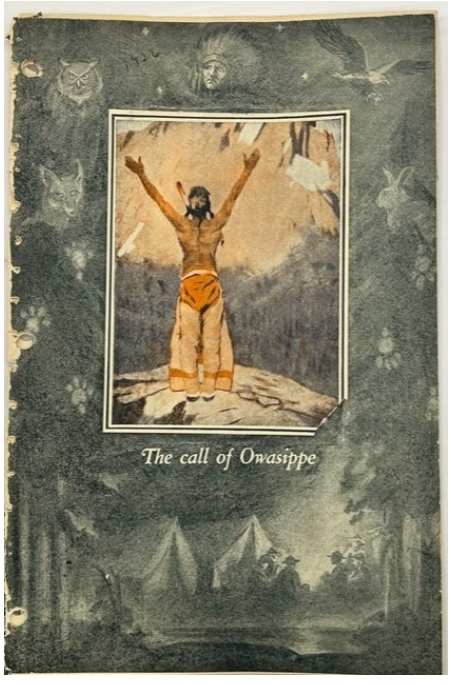
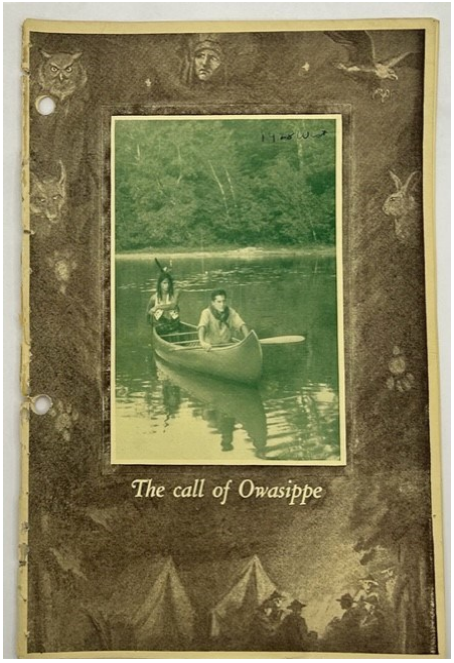
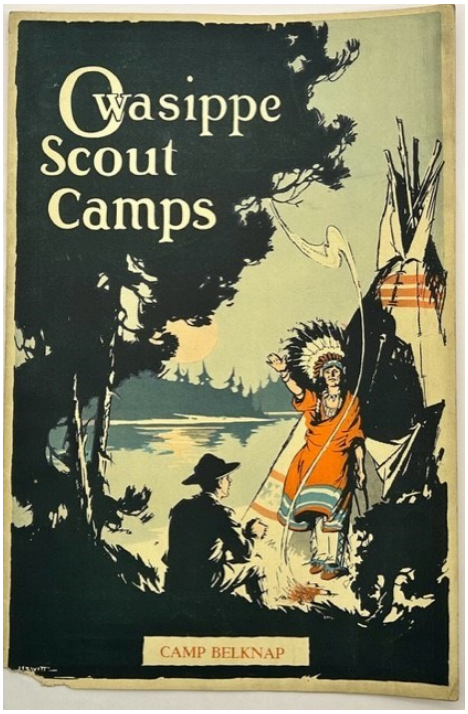


The Out-of-Doors Is Calling You

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
203 South Dearborn Street CHICAGO COUNCIL Telephone Wabash 9315



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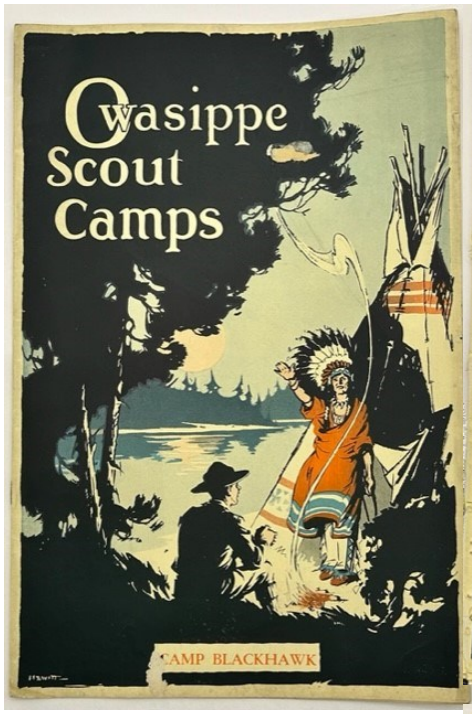
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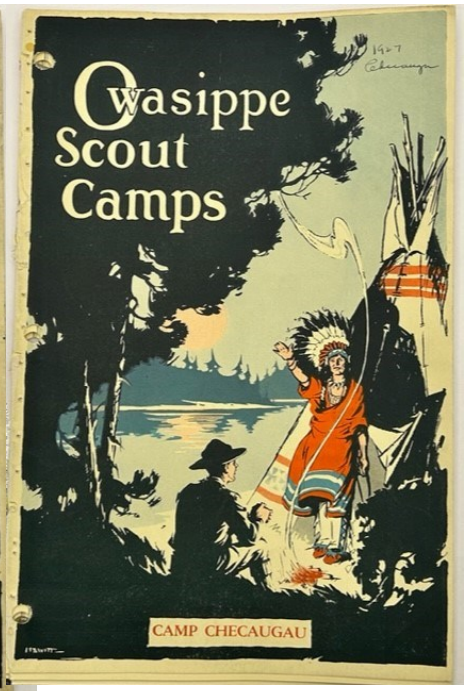
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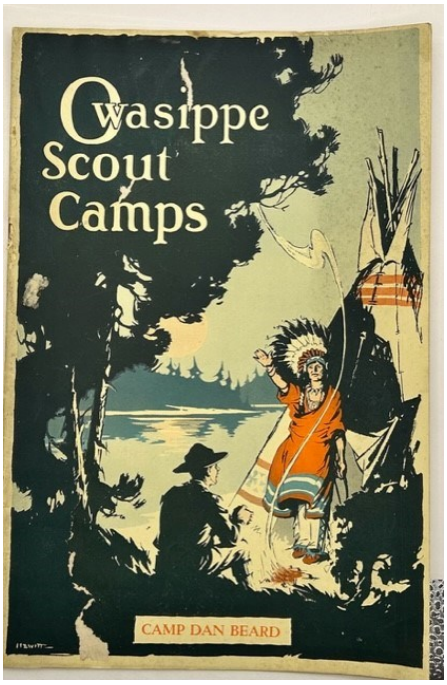
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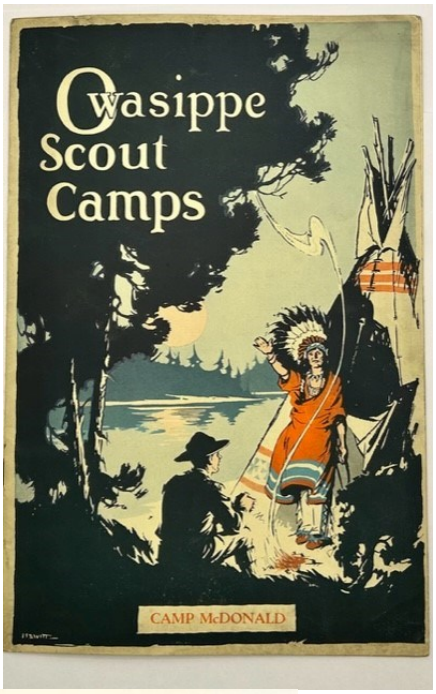
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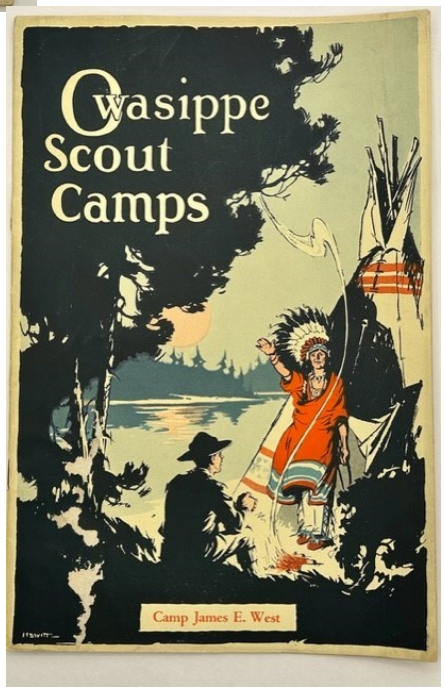
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AIME FOR STORY
O.H.Q. AND THE POST OFFICE
TO THE COLORS
OH SKIP-WAY SEE YOU IN SWIMMING
THE LAMP LIGHTER
A DEADEYE SHOOTER
ELEVATING SPORTS AT THE CIRCUS
CAMP COLORS
BARBECUE TO BOYS
ALL SET - AND WAITING
HOME OF THE BIRDS AND BEASTS
HANDICRAFT - FOR EVERY SCOUT
HE IS CALLING - YOU -
WONDERFUL - BIG BLUE LAKE
MUST BE INTERESTING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1925.

CAMP BELKNAP TO BE MECCA OF BOYS

New Outing Place Will Be Opened in Honor of War Veteran.

Camp Belknap, a summer camp for boys, dedicated to Capt. Charles E. Belknap, and located at Twin Lake, Muskegon county, 55 miles from Grand Rapids, has been organized and is being promoted by a group of Grand Rapids men. The camp is one and one-half miles from Twin Lake, in the midst of a 1,000-acre estate containing five small lakes, between two of which the camp is built. A log mess hall, administration building and auxiliary buildings have ben constructed including a number of small log cabins, each having a stone fireplace, which will be used as sleeping quarters by the boys.

Capt. Belknap will be chief of the new camp. Other members of the staff will include Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, former dean of Northwestern university medical college, who will hold the post of physical director and camp hygienist, and H. N. Hornbeck, natural science instructor in the schools of Grand Rapids, who will be educational director and camp naturalist. Besides these there will be experienced swimmers and athletes to guide the boys in camp activities. George A. Miller, Boy Scout executive of Grand Rapids, will direct the program of the camp and Fred Z. Pantlind has charge of business administration.

The camp has been designed to accommodate 50 boys, but only 32 will be taken there during the first season. Water and lighting equipment have been installed, as well as a variety of boats and canoes a launch and a sailboat. Nine miles of bridle paths around the lakes of the estate will be used for riding trips and horses will be provided for the older boys at the camp. The men in charge have as their aim the establishment of a permanent nature camp, as near to an ideal camp as possible, as a monument to Capt. Belknap.

The camp will be open July 1 for a season of eight weeks. Invitations to membership for the first season already have been sent out and those in charge report that a number of applications have been received.

CHICAGO SCOUT CAMPS
OWASIPPE
Four varieties of the 1940's & '50's camp badge. I believe they are in order of issue. The numerals are of some help in dating the badges. The darker green background badge corresponds to the coloration of the 1946 & 1947 segments. The slightly larger badge with no detailing in the face was a short run issue and the scarcest.
NATURE EXPLORER
OWASIPPE
1958
1959
1960
CRAFT
HIKER
The underwear label (that's what we called it) was very unpopular and only used for a couple of years.
1911 FIFTIETH 1961 CAMP YEAR
OWASIPPE SCOUT RESERVATION
CHICAGO COUNCIL
1962
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1964
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1968
VOYAGEUR
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1942
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1957
After 1940 the Owasippe camp badge could be purchased and was no longer the emblem of the Honor Campers but the year numeral still had to be earned.
HIKER
CRAFT
NATURE
NATURE
EXPLORER
AQUATIC
WILDERNESS CAMPER
Every Scout attending Camp plans to come home with a CAMP BADGE of his own. Personal [illegible] of the last night of each period. Possibly by that it seems to be very much like another ... you can tell at Owasippe all that by the numerals on years.
But the principal thing is the one who earns a Border Strip.
There are many camp subjects from which a Scout may choose.
A Border Strip may be earned in Aquatics, Craft, Hiking, Nature and Sailing.
These Border Strips are placed across the top side edge of the Owasippe Camps sections, which you may purchase at the Camp trading post.
CHICAGO SCOUT CAMPS
OWASIPPE
Owasippe Staff badge mirrored the design of the camp emblem but red replaced gold in the embroidery. It is believed that red was chosen because red coloration in badges of this era denoted paid positions in Scouting.
CHICAGO COUNCIL
1947
OWASIPPE CAMPS
HIAWATHA BEACH
CHICAGO SCOUT CAMPS
The Hiawatha Beach badge is a troop issue issued by Troop 923 of the North Shore Trailblazer District. The badge is from the early 1950's.
WINTER CAMP
1940
1941
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1943
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1950
Winter Camp badges also exist from 1934 and with no date.
CHICAGO COUNCIL
1947
1948
1949
1951
OWASIPPE CAMPS

Owasippe Honor Camper

These badges were awarded to Honor Campers at Owasippe. They are sometimes referred to as camp badges but since only a select number of Scouts would earn them they are more than just camp badges.

These early 1920 badges are variations on the basic design. The differences are probably caused by the individuals who were probably hand sewing the badge from a drawing.

This ribbon is the earliest know camp recognition. Campers were recognized for their levels of achievements from the earliest years. Other ribbons probably exist for different achievements.

These are the only known individual camp badges from the various camps at Owasippe. With such strong traditions and loyalties it seems odd that other badges were never made.